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MSP FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for agricultural products for the year 2008-2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Crop-wise;

(c) the details of the recommendations made in this regard by the Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices (CACP) particularly with reference to paddy;

(d) whether the Government has proposed to provide additional price as a bonus for different agricultural products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The Government has announced Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the Kharif crops of 2008-09 season. The MSPs recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices (CACP) and announced by the Government are as follows:

(Rs. per quintal)

Commodity	Variety	MSP Recommended by CACP	MSP Announced by the Govt.
Paddy	Common	1000	850
	Grade A	1050	880
Jowar	Hybrid	840	840
	Maldandi	860	860
Bajra	-	840	840
Maize	-	840	840
Ragi	-	915	915
Tur (Arhar)	-	2000	2000
Moong	-	2520	2520
Urad	-	2520	2520
Groundnut-in-shell	-	2100	2100
Soyabean	Yellow	1390	1390
	Black	1350	1350
Sunflower Seed	-	2215	2215
Sesamum	-	2750	2750
Nigerseed	-	2405	2405
Cotton	Stable length (mm) of 24.5 - 25.5 and Micronaire value of 4.3 - 5.1	2500	2500
	Staple length (mm) of 29.5 - 30.5 and Micronaire value of 3.5 - 4.3	3000	3000

Bonus of Rs.50 per quintal has been approved.

(d) & (e): The issue of bonus over and above the MSP is considered by the Government from time to time depending upon

requirements of Public Distribution Scheme (PDS), stock situation with procurement agencies and other market factors. However, a proposal to grant bonus of Rs.50 per quintal for paddy for 2008-09 season has been approved, over and above the MSP.